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Newark-The Delaware State Police recognized 33 graduates during a ceremony for the Citizen's Police Academy Class on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. The event was held at the Delaware State Police Troop 2 located at 100 Lagrange Avenue, Newark, DE. 19702

The academy class learned about a wide variety of police activities consistent with what a Delaware Trooper experiences today during the nine consecutive sessions. The instruction phase, which started on November 14, 2017 to January 23, 2018, included criminal and traffic investigations, special units, tours, and various other law enforcement related topics. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to ride with patrol troopers.

During this program the CPA attendees sacrificed their valuable time to learn more about the DSP and it various units. Some of the highlighted presentations and special units who presented consisted of the Honor Guard, Pipes & Drums, DSP History & Overview, DSP Museum, DSP Academy, K-9 Demonstration, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Aviation, Special Operation Response Team, Tactical Control Unit, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Scuba Team, Motorcycle Unit, Delaware Information and Analysis Center, Criminal Investigations, Firearms Training Unit.

A few quotations from our honored academy class:

"We left each presentation having the highest level of

confidence in the officer's abilities to perform their duties successfully. We can only imagine Colonel McQueen's pride in leading such an outstanding group of men and women". *Michael Oliver*

"What I take away from this experience is that our police force is just as human as I am: they are our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, friends and neighbors. They are just human beings trying to do a job. They work hard to protect and serve — even those that do not respect them. It gave me an opportunity to see past the uniform to a human being". **Sherry Mouser**

"RISE...Respect, Integration, Service, and Excellence. Expectations for both the police and the community, in order to move forward successfully." *Mir Sadiq Ali Khan*

On the final night of the program, the class was recognized by the keynote speaker, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr. and Major Melissa Zebley, Operations Officer for New Castle County. They presented formal certificates of appreciation to the class attendees at the end of the night.

The Delaware State Police would like to formally thank the citizens who participated in the Fall/Winter Citizen's Police Academy class.

"I was impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment that the class members showed. From the time and effort put into the initial application and reasons why they wanted to attend, to their dedication, participation and attentiveness week in and week out. They made my first experience as a facilitator of a Citizens Academy a rewarding one."

Master Corporal Michael Austin - Delaware State Police Public Information Officer

Our next Citizen's Police Academy will be scheduled in the

Spring of 2018 in Kent County. If you are interested in future classes please follow us on <u>Delaware State Police WordPress</u>, <u>Delaware State Police Facebook</u> and <u>Delaware State Police Nextdoor.com</u>

Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant Richard Bratz

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